1	2	3
2.	Assam	6
3.	Bihar	73
4.	Chhattisgarh	14
5.	Haryana	1
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1
7.	Gujarat	1
8.	Jharkhand	1
9.	Karnataka	5
10.	Kerala	2
11.	Manipur	1
12.	Maharashtra	8
13.	Meghalaya	1
14.	Mizoram	1
15.	Punjab	1
16.	Madhya Pradesh	26
17.	Orissa	6
18.	Rajasthan	14
19.	Tamil Nadu	3
20.	Uttarakhand	1
21.	Uttar Pradesh	16
22.	West Bengal	1
	TOTAL:	186

Allocation of fund for NREG programme

†3218. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government for National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the persons benefited under this scheme during this time period;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is going to allocate more amount for this scheme in the new financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) NREGA was launched in 200 districts on 2 2 2006. The Act was extended to 130 additional districts in 2007-2008 and has been extended to all the remaining rural areas of the country with effect from 1.4.2008. During the year 2005-06, no specific budget provisions had been made for NREGA. Funds were released to the States out of the allocations made for National Food for Work Programme. In 2006-07, budget provision

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

for NREGA was Rs. 11,300 crore and in 2007-08, it was Rs. 12,000 crore. Number of households provided employment under the Act during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 are as under:

Year	No. of households provided employment
2006-07	2.10 crore
2007-08	3.19 crore [Provisional]

(c) and (d) In 2008-09, a budget provision of Rs. 16,000 crore has been made for NREGA.

Criteria for forming of SHGs under SGSY

3219. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being followed while forming of Self-Help-Groups (SHGs) under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); and

(b) how many Self Help Groups are currently under the SGSY working, particularly in Maharashtra and the details of works undertaken by such SHGs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The objective of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) is to bring the assisted families above the poverty line by ensuring appreciable increase in incomes over a period of time. The criteria being followed while forming the Self-Help Groups are as below:

1. A self help group may consist of 10 to 20 persons. However, in difficult areas like desserts, hills and areas with scattered and sparse population and in case of minor irrigation and disabled persons, this number may be from 5—20.
2. Generally all members of the group should belong to families below the poverty line. However, if necessary, a maximum of 20% and in exceptional cases, where essentially required, upto a maximum of 30% of the members in a group may be taken from families marginally above the poverty line living contiguously with BPL Families and if they are acceptable to the BPL members of the group.
3. The group should actively participate in the management and decision-making, such as devising a code of conduct, holding regular meetings, building up a corpus through regular savings, evolving financial management norms, interest rates and procedures for sanctioning of the loans etc.
4. The members in the group meetings should take all the loaning decisions through a participatory decision making process.
5. The group should operate a group account preferably in their service area bank branch.
6. The group should maintain simple basic records such as Minutes book, Attendance register, Loan ledger, General ledger, Cash book, Bank passbook and individual passbooks.

(b) In the State of Maharashtra, under SGSY, since inception of the scheme from 1.4.1999, 1,71,368 Self-Help Groups have been formed, out of which 1,05,875 SHGs have passed